

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 255358
ORIGIN ACDA-03

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /004 R

66011

DRAFTED BY: ACDA/ISP/REG:BBURTON

APPROVED BY: ACDA/ISP:JNEWHOUSE

-----003907 260155Z /64

P 252202Z OCT 77

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO USMISSION GENEVA PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 255358

USSALT TWO - MR. WARNKE

FOLLOWING REPEAT NAIROBI 13696 SENT ACTION SECSTATE 21 OCT 77

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 13696

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, KE

SUBJECT: US-SOVIET INDIAN OCEAN TALKS: BRIEFING GOK

REF: STATE 241701

1. DCM AND POLOFF, DRAWING ON INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE DEPARTMENT, ON OCTOBER 19 BRIEFED SHITEMI, CHIEF AMERICAN AND UN DIVISION IN FONMIN, ON US-SOVIET TALKS ON INDIAN OCEAN ARMS LIMITATION.

2. SHITEMI(WHO TOOK NOTES DURING DISCUSSION) THANKED EMBOFFS AND SAID HE WOULD DISSEMINATE INFORMATION WITHIN GOK. SHITEMI SAIDN KENYA WAS VERY CONCERNED WITH MILITARY ACTIVITIES BY SUPERPOWERS IN INDIAN OCEAN AND FELT THAT LITTORAL STATES SHOULD HAVE A VOICE IN ANY ARMS LIMITATION THAT MIGHT BE WORKED OUT FOR THE AREA. SHITEMI NOTED THAT, WHILE
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 255358

KENYA HAD AN ESPECIALLY FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES, THE SOVIET UNION WAS NOT KENYA'S ENEMY. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH KENYA WOULD PREFER TO HAVE THE INDIAN OCEAN FREE FROM THE FLEETS OF BOTH SUPERPOWERS, HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE THE UNITED STATES UNILATERALLY ABANDON THE AREA WHILE LEAVING THE SOVIET FLEET IN PLACE.

3. EMBOFFS ASSURED SHITEMI THAT USG WOULD ALWAYS BE WILLING TO LISTEN TO CONCERNS OF LITTORAL STATES, BUT THAT, AS THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION WERE THE ONLY POWERS WITH SIGNIFICANT NAVAL UNITS DEPLOYED IN THE INDIAN AREA, WE FELT THAT ANY ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENT MUST, INITIALLY AT LEAST, BE AGREED UPON BY THE TWO POWERS IN BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS. SHITEMI CONCEDED THE LOGIC OF THE ARGUMENT, BUT HE SAID THAT, TO MANY OF THE LITTORAL STATES, THIS SORT OF BILATERAL NEGOTIATION HAD THE APPEARANCE OF A DIVISION OF INFLUENCE IN THE AREA BETWEEN THE SUPERPOWERS, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE COUNTRIES WHOSE INTERESTS WERE BEING SO DIRECTLY AFFECTED.

4. COMMENT: WE THINK IT PROBABLE THAT SHITEMI, AN INTELLIGENT AND ARTICULATE SENIOR CIVIL SERVANT, ACCURATELY REFLECTS HIS GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS ON THIS QUESTION. IF A PREPONDERANCE OF THE INDIAN OCEAN LITTORAL STATES FEEL THAT THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION ARE DECIDING THESE NATIONS' FATE WITHOUT CONSULTING THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED, THE RELATIONS OF BOTH THE US AND THE USSR WITH THE LITTORAL STATES COULD SUFFER. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER THE FEASIBILITY OF HAVING THE LITTORAL STATES PARTICIPATE(FOLLOWING THE NEGOTIATIONS) IN THE CONCLUSION OF ANY ARMS LIMITATIONS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

LEMELLE
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 255358

UNQUOTE VANCE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: OCEANS, BRIEFING MATERIALS, SALT (ARMS CONTROL)
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 25-Oct-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977STATE255358
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: ACDA/ISP/REG:BBURTON
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770392-0654
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19771024/aaaaaukn.tel
Line Count: 96
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: eb0ca827-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN ACDA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 STATE 241701
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 08-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 799959
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: US-SOVIET INDIAN OCEAN TALKS: BRIEFING GOK
TAGS: PARM, KE
To: GENEVA
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/eb0ca827-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009